



# KEEPING BASS ALIVE

## THE WEIGH-IN

**THE WEIGH-IN.** Most, but not all, tournaments are well organized and use fish-friendly facilities and procedures. Nevertheless, there are things the conservation-minded angler can do to ensure the highest survival of their catch after release from the weigh-in.

- Use the weigh-in bags provided by the tournament officials, not your own. Tournament officials use the number of bags to regulate weigh-in pace.
- Contestants should fill their bags with livewell water, not lake water, before putting their catch into the bag. Put only five fish in a bag, fewer if they are over 4 pounds each. Use a second bag if needed. Carry the bag of fish to the weigh-in facility and immediately immerse it in the waiting line tank.
- If the tournament uses aerated life-support tanks in the waiting line, contestants should have perforated or mesh bags. The holes in the bag allow free exchange of aerated water.
- Dip water from the tank into your bag or use provided nozzles or air lines to refresh the water in your bag. Do not simply float your bag in the tank as you wait to move forward in line.
- If a life-support tank is not used, the bags should have no holes and fish should be quickly weighed and released. Keep your fish in the livewell until called by the tournament officials to bring them to the scales. Waiting in line with fish in your bag for more than 2 minutes will reduce their chances for survival significantly.



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